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INSURRECTION

TRUMP-INCITED MOB VANDALIZES U.S. CAPITOL

Shocked Congress regroups and rejects bid to foil Biden's win

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Police intervened as supporters of President Donald Trump breached security on Wednesday and stormed the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to disrupt the electoral vote certification.

A new date that will 'live forever in infamy'

By LISA MASCARO, ERIC TUCKER and MARY CLARE JALONICK • Associated Press

WASHINGTON – A violent mob loyal to President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday and forced lawmakers into hiding, in a stunning attempt to overturn America's presidential election, undercut the nation's democracy and keep Democrat Joe Biden from replacing Trump in the White House.

Four people died in the violent occupation of the Capitol.

Washington, D.C., Police Chief Robert Contee said the dead on Wednesday included a woman who was shot by the U.S. Capitol Police, as well as three others who died in "medical emergencies."

Police said both law enforcement and Trump supporters deployed chemical irritants during the hourslong occupation of the Capitol building before it was cleared Wednesday evening by law enforcement.

The woman was shot earlier Wednesday as the mob

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ERIN SCHAFF • New York Times

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other lawmakers returned to the Capitol Wednesday night to finish certifying the vote.

Trump era reaches a peak of chaos, violence

Analysis by PETER BAKER
New York Times

WASHINGTON – So this is how it ends. The presidency of Donald Trump, rooted from the beginning in anger, division and conspiracy-mongering, comes to a close with a violent mob storming the Capitol at the instigation of a defeated leader trying to hang onto power as if America were just another authoritarian nation.

The scenes in Washington would have once been unimaginable: A rampage through the citadel of American democracy. Police officers brandishing guns in an armed standoff to defend the House chamber. Tear gas deployed in the rotunda. Lawmakers in hiding. Extremists standing in the vice president's spot on the Senate dais and sitting at the desk of the speaker of the House.

The words used to describe it were equally alarming: Coup. Insurrection. Sedition. Suddenly the U.S. was being compared to a "banana republic" and receiving messages of

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Minnesota delegation urges peace amid U.S. Capitol turmoil

By JESSIE VAN BERKEL and BRIANA BIERSCHBACH
Star Tribune staff writers

U.S. Rep. Dean Phillips took cover and reached for the gas mask under his seat on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday afternoon as a riotous mob that had already breached the Capitol complex was about to break onto the House floor.

"This is because of you!" the Democratic lawmaker from Minnesota yelled in disbelief, his anger directed at Republican colleagues he felt bore responsibility.

"Run!" Capitol police told Phillips and other members of Congress as they followed security through smoke-filled hallways echoing with screams and loud bangs to a secure location.

Minnesota's congressional delegation hunkered down around the Capitol complex as supporters of President Donald Trump broke into the building in an attempt to block them from certifying President-elect Joe Biden's victory.

Lawmakers posted on social media as the chaos unfolded, telling constituents they were safe and urging peace.

"We can't let these criminals that left such a stain on our country today win, and we will show them that by returning to that very chamber tonight, continuing our proceedings and fulfilling our obligation and certifying the election," Phillips said later, not long before the House and Senate returned for evening sessions.

Rep. Angie Craig was walking through the Capitol's tunnels to her office when people started breaking into the building. The Democratic congresswoman said she was told to lock herself in her office, turn off the lights and get out her gas mask.

She hid there as calls and

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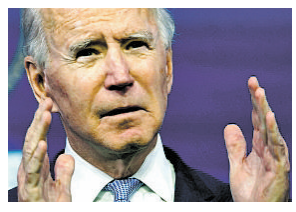

'Borders on sedition'
Biden deplores the chaos of mob incited by Trump. **A7**

Twitter blocks Trump
Facebook account is also locked after false posts. **A7**

THE CORONAVIRUS' TOLL

86,405,927 cases worldwide	**21,103,926** cases in the U.S.	**427,587** cases in Minn.
1,868,768 deaths worldwide	**357,394** deaths in the U.S.	**5,528** deaths in Minn.

Numbers as of 10 p.m. Wednesday • Sources: Johns Hopkins University (worldwide), New York Times (U.S.), Minnesota Department of Health (Minnesota)

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